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Airmen 1st Class Chad Speakman (foreground) and Michael Duncan, both from the 790th Missile Security Forces Squadron, participate in Road Warrior IV April 22 at the new joint training facility in Camp. Guernsey, Wyo.

Guernsey joint training center opens

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A Russian delegation participated in a military exercise at a joint Army National Guard and Air Force Space Command training facility at the Wyoming Army National Guard's Camp Guernsey Joint Training Center April 18 through 22.

The Russian delegation visited to participate in Air Force Space Command's Road Warrior IV exercise in an effort to improve Russian and United States operations to enhance security for strategic resources at the new Nuclear and Space Security Tactics Training Center, located on Camp Guernsey.

"There's no substitute for live training in a real environment to really hone your skills," said Gen. Lance Lord, AF-SPC commander. "This center gives us a chance to have a place to operate out of and work within the confines of Camp Guernsey."

"We greatly appreciate the outstanding support the Wyoming National Guard has provided to help us establish this new training facility," said Maj. Gen. Frank Klotz, 20th Air Force commander.

The creation of this facility allows for maintainers, operators and security forces members to receive the weapons and security tactics training necessary to preserve the highest level of nuclear surety.

"It doesn't matter whether you're a dismounted troop or your flying aviation, just about every kind of environment you would want to train for is somewhere on this post," said Army Maj. Gen. Ed Wright, Wyoming adjutant general. "That makes us very attractive."

The training center was also well received by Warren Airmen participating in the Road Warrior IV exercise.

"I thought the training center was excellent," said Airman 1st Class Chad Speakman, 790th Missile Security Forces Squadron. "Also, the training was improved and more efficient from last year. I got to fire weapons that I had never had the chance to work with before.

The facility will allow an opportunity for security forces members to exercise using the full range of their weapons.

"Not long ago the idea of housing the U.S. Air Force Space Command's Nuclear and Space Security Tactics Training Center on the Wyoming National Guard's training site would have been met with disbelief," said Lt. Col. Steve Mount, Camp Guernsey Joint Training Center garrison commander.

"This training facility is a shining example of the partnerships the Wyoming Army National Guard, and Camp Guernsey Joint Training Center, have forged with the active duty military, reserve component forces, law enforcement and governmental agencies."

During the visit, Russian delegation members toured several Warren facilities and observed the procedures and physical means for protecting those facilities against attacks.

"It is important to coordinate the security of our resources and to make sure we maintain our capabilities," said General Lord. "President Bush and President Putin have agreed to get together and let the U.S. and Russians take a look at, in a sharing kind of way, the practices here at Camp Guernsey where we've set up this tremendous facility with the support of the State of Wyoming."



Gen. Lance Lord, Air Force Space Command commander, and Army Maj. Gen Ed Wright, Wyoming adjutant general, cut the red ribbon which signifies the opening of the new Nuclear and Space Security Tactics Training Center, located on Camp Guernsey, Wyo., April 22.

Below: Staff Sgt. Andrew Stoltz (left), 90th Security Forces Group, and a fellow Road Warrior IV Airman participate in the exercise.

